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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.  
Director

SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SERVICES' USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO  
AMEND THE HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS  
PROGRAM WITH THE REGENTS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA ON BEHALF OF ITS  
IRVINE CAMPUS**

This is to advise the Board that the Department of Health Services (DHS) has exercised its delegated authority, approved on October 16, 2012 (attached), which allowed the Director of Health Services, or his authorized designee, to execute an amendment to an existing agreement to implement specific activities required to support the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and accomplish the grant objectives.

Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. H-705831 with the University of California on behalf of its Irvine Campus enabled the County to update the Project Timeline and Budget, adding tasks and deliverables necessary in the continual development of PsySTART™, a disaster mental health intervention plan. The PsySTART™ program provides customized assessment and treatment triage tags for the rapid triage of high-risk psychological casualties among health care staff responders in hospital and community clinics following disasters.

The County added \$69,300 to the maximum obligation through this Amendment, which is offset entirely with HPP Grant funds awarded by the USHHS.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Amendment as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

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